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U. S. HOTEL AND STAGE OFFICE, four doors
from the Rolling Mill, Pomero, Meigs county, O.
M. A. Wheeler, Proprietor, 207 1855.

TANNERS & CURRIERS.
T. H. MOORE & Co., Tanners and Curriers,
312 Main street, (on Sugar Run), Pomero, O.

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POMEROY ROLLING MILL COMPANY, From
a street, Pomero, O. Have constantly on hand and
made to order, merchants' iron of all sizes. Orders
promptly executed.

W. J. JENNINGS, Superintendent.
L. P. Foster, Agent, Cincinnati, O.

COALPORT SALT COMPANY. Office in Cooper's
Building, Coalport, O. Salt for Country trade,
Retail, Three-Five cents per bushel. June 3, 1855.

SUGAR RUN SALT COMPANY, Pomero, Salt
Thirty-five cents per bushel. Office near the
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W. J. PRALL, Manufacturer of Tinware, and
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STEAM SALT MILL, Front street, Pomero, near
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saved to order on short notice. Plastering laid
constantly on hand for sale. June 3, 1855.

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D. C. WEAVER, Surgeon Dentist, Hammer's build-
ing, 2nd story, Indiana street, Middleport, O. All
operations pertaining to the profession promptly per-
formed. Ladies waited upon at their residences, if
desired. Dec. 18.

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JESSE STAFFORD, Grocery and Provision Store,
Court street, next door to post-office, Pomero, O.
All kinds of marketing in his season. Groceries
changed for produce on fair terms. Dec. 30.

CLOSING THE LEDGER.

BY HENRY MORFORD.

Close up the Ledger, Time!
Slowly and sadly, but let it be;
Mournfully passeth by the year;
What are the records, for you and me,
Left by the falling fingers here?

What for passion and what for love?
What for sorrow and what for crime?
What for hope, and the heaven above?
What of the Ledger, Time?

Close up the Ledger, Time!
Many a name, for good or ill,
Fills to the margin your blotted scroll—
And how many a name will—
Many a low and humble soul!

Many a page to be given,
Marking the changing path we climb—
Holding the balance of hell or heaven?
What of the Ledger, Time?

Close up the Ledger, Time!
Say we are creditors for naught;
Have we a store of noble deeds,
Springing from high and generous thought,
Such as our fallen brothers need?

Have we laid up for coming years
Words to weave in a funeral rhyme,
Names that will call up a noble tear?
What of the Ledger, Time?

Close up the Ledger, Time!
Say what promises have we made;
Say what drafts thereon have been paid;
Say what bankrupt hopes have gone,
In the grave with memory laid.

Say if the heart has kept its own,
Gathering beauty with its love and life,
It has turned to a senseless stone—
What of the Ledger, Time?

Close up the Ledger, Time!
Hark! the knell of the year goes by!
Have I run out my golden sand?
Where shall I be when the next shall die?
Where shall the soul within me stand?

Naught beyond my Ledger tell—
Naught be known but in guilt and crime!
Listen! I hear the New Year's bell!
Shut up the Ledger, Time!

(N. Y. Independent.)

From the American Citizen.

FOREST LEGENDS.

BY HEBRON BELL.

The Hunter's Dream.

Some thirty miles above Marietta, on
the Muskingum river, is a beautiful por-
tion of land, known in early times as the
Big Bottom. In order to have it settled,
the Ohio Emigrant Company gave one hun-
dred acres of land to all actual settlers,
and in the autumn of 1790, a company of
eighteen went up from Marietta, located
their tracts, and commenced building for
the winter. A large block house was first
erected, capable of accommodating all their
number, if necessary, while two brothers
named Francis and Isaac Choate, erected
a small cabin on their pieces of land, and
two other brothers named Bullard, also
erected a cabin several rods below the
block-house, on the banks of the river—
Thus were the little company situated, and
being mostly young men, without families,
and inexperienced in Indian warfare, they
neglected two of the most important du-
ties of a pioneer's life, viz: barring their
doors at sunset and stationing a sentinel
without to give those within ample warn-
ing in case of an attack.

In the month of September, a young
man named Joseph Waugh, went up from
Marietta to spend the fall in hunting. The
hills near there abounded in all kinds of
game, while the numerous salt-licks in the
vicinity were visited almost hourly by deer.
The most delightful of all seasons, Indian
Summer threw its lazy atmosphere over the
tinted landscape, as, early in a cloud-
less morning, young Waugh started forth
with his trusty rifle on his shoulder for a
day's hunt. Rising the high bank on the
east side of the bottom, he halted for a few
moments to gaze upon the scene presented
to his view. The smoke from the block-
house and the two cabins rolled up through
the trees and was lost in the cloudy atmo-
sphere, while here and there through the
forest, the waters of the beautiful Muskingum
sparkled brightly in the first rays
of the morning sun. The birds were just
singing their matin songs of praise, and
their soft echoes sounded sweetly among
the arches of nature's home, while count-
less squirrels, with their long, bushy tails
and graceful motions, were springing from
branch to branch on almost every tree,
stopping now and then to bark at the in-
truder, or anon to leap on the ground and
rattle the leaves at his very feet.

Suddenly a breaking of dried twigs startled
him, and turning, he discovered a noble
buck walking leisurely along, stopping
occasionally to browse from some favorite
bush, while he was unnoticed. Fearing to
start, Waugh remained perfectly motionless,
awaiting the nearer approach of the animal.
Thirty yards only intervened be-
tween them, and an opening among the
trees presented his whole form to the eye
of the delighted hunter, when he set the
triggers and levelled his rifle at the heart.
The deer hearing the sharp click of the
triggers, stopped, and his keen eye had just
discovered his foe, as the loud crack of the
rifle rolled among the trees, causing the
birds to cease their songs, and the squir-
rels to quit their gambols. Instead of drop-
ping dead, Waugh was astonished to see
the buck throw back his head and disap-
pear in a deep ravine near by. Uttering
a few words of disappointment and mortifi-
cation at thus missing so fair a shot, he
hastened to the spot where the deer stood,
and upon examining it discovered a drop of
fresh blood upon the leaves, whereupon,
loading his rifle with the utmost care, he
started upon the trail. Although young, yet
he had taken lessons from old and ex-
perienced hunters, therefore he easily fol-
lowed the trail, although, after a few jumps
the blood had ceased to flow. For hours
he followed its course, which for the first
five or six miles led in a circuitous route
from the Muskingum, then, seeming to
run nearly parallel with the stream for several
miles, when turning a square corner, he
seemed making directly for the river.
Upon following it for a short distance, he
was surprised to find that some other per-
son had struck the same trail and was fol-
lowing it ahead of him. For a moment he
could scarcely believe it could be so, for
no other person from the settlement below
was out, and it was thought that no In-
dians were within a hundred miles, yet the
leaves that had been misplaced, together
with the twigs, and occasionally a spear of
grass that had been bent in that direction,
were proof positive to a hunter's mind—
With a bold heart he determined to solve
the mystery, and with cautious steps he
proceeded onward. It was afternoon when
he reached the bluff bank of the river,
some ten or twelve miles above the settle-
ment, and after taking a careful survey of
the bottom, and seeing nothing, he pro-
ceeded towards the stream. In the sand
that lines the water's edge, he saw the
tracks of the buck, as he entered the river,
and close by, the well known prints of a
pair of moccasins. The deer had swam
the river, while the Indian had gone on
up to cross at a ford some two miles above.
After revolving the matter in his mind for
some time, Waugh concluded to give up
the chase for the present, and returning to
the bluff bank, he sat down at the foot of
a large oak, to rest. For a few minutes, he
thought of the strange adventures, and
many were the conjectures he formed as
to what tribe the Indian could belong to,
and why he should be here, apparently
alone. Being, however, of rather a ro-
mantic turn of mind, he was soon absorbed
in contemplating the scene by which he
was surrounded. A far off he could dis-
cern the hazy atmosphere, seeming like a
light cloud that had descended from the
skies to play amid the tree tops, and the
rays of the noon day sun fell through it
with a dreamy sort of light which causes
the mind to wander away in the vacancy
of nothings.

The birds had ceased their songs and sat
on the thickest leaved branches, seeming
to partake of the same dreamy nature that
permeated all things around, and only here
and there a solitary squirrel could be seen
leaping among the boughs. The little rill
that flowed through a ravine but a few
yards distant, alone seemed filled with life
and animation, as it coursed gaily along,
leaping over a stone or a root with a mur-
muring sound that seems more like artifi-
cial music the longer we listen. The lull-
ing influence of the rivulet, the lazy mo-
tions of the squirrels, and the sleepy atti-
tudes of the birds, were too much for
the weary hunter to withstand and ere long
his eyes were closed, his head dropped
forward on his breast, while his breathing
became heavier and more steady. As this
change came over his physical nature, a
change also took place in his mental facul-
ties, and a different scene was presented
before him. The ravine by his side, the
tall forest around him, and the river in the
distance passed away, while he seemed to
be in the cabin of the two brothers Choate.
They were all seated around the rough
table, engaged in their evening meal, and
Francis Choate was telling of his day's ad-
ventures in the forest, when the words
were frozen to his tongue as the horrid In-
dian war-whoop broke the stillness with-
out. Seizing his rifle, Waugh ran for the
river, and there he saw a party of Indians
surrounding the block-house. As there
was no chinking between the logs, he could
plainly see their forms by the light of the
huge fire blazing within, and by the aid of
the starlight, he took aim at one and fired.
Great was his joy at seeing his victim fall
to the earth, and leading as soon as pos-
sible, he again fired, and again his faithful
rifle had done its duty. At this moment,
two rifles in the hands of the Indians were
discharged, and a white man's voice, in
the agonies of despair, cried: "Oh, God,
have mercy on me!"

He awoke with a sudden start, while the
cry for mercy still sounded in his ears—
Gazing around him, it was several minutes
before he could collect his scattered thoughts
sufficient to remember where he was and
how he came there. Getting up, he looked
on all sides, but could see no living thing
moving but a flock of turkeys that were
passing slowly at the foot of the hill. So
great an effect, however, did his dream
have upon his mind that he feared to shoot
at them, and keeping on the high hill, so
as to have an extended view on either side
he started for the settlement.

It was just dark when he reached it, and
calling all in the block-house, he related
his day's adventure together with his fright-
ful dream.

In expressing his fears for the safety of
the settlement, he was laughed at for su-
perstitious whims as they termed them.
That night he slept in the block-house, and
again dreamed the same dream; Choate
was telling his adventure; they heard the
same yell; he killed the two Indians as be-
fore, and the same awful cry for mercy
awakened him. The next morning they
were told of the remarkable coincidence
in the two dreams, and were again warned
to beware of the threatening danger, while
he was again laughed at by the majority of
the settlement.

For him, and after two or three days' un-
successful hunts, he left for Marietta, af-
ter begging all of them to be prepared for
a better defence, should they be attacked.

A few days afterward, a trader on his
way to Marietta, stopped there for the night
and told them that the tribes above were
sending their squaws away, which was a
sure sign that an attack on some white set-
tlement was intended. He further stated
that a small hunting party had been down
that way and discovered their settlement
by one of their lumber trailing a deer
which, upon shooting he found had been
shot the same day by a white man's bul-
let.

For a time, this news caused them to
keep their rifles in shooting order, but as a
month or so passed by without anything
transpiring, the same careless negligence
as before, pervaded the block-house and
both cabins. Thus the fall passed away
and the winter drove the beauties of In-
dian Summer from the scene, and took pos-
session with all the pride of a conqueror.

It was at the close of a cold and dreary
day that the persons who lived in the block-
house were just preparing their evening
meal. Some were cooking provisions over
the fire, some preparing their few dishes,
and others were telling stories, without a
thought of Indians entering their minds,
as an Indian attack in the middle of win-
ter had never been heard of.

The darkness became deeper without,
but the huge log fire sent its blazing
warmth and cheerful light over the whole
apartment, so that all other lights were
entirely dispensed with.

Suddenly the door swung open—a huge
Indian stepped within, while several rif-
les were fired through the open door, and
over half the number fell dead on the spot.
All the others were killed excepting two
brothers named John and Philemon Stacy.
John, a young man just in the prime of
life, rushed up the rude stairs and tried to
make his escape through the roof. He was
discovered, however, by the Indians from
without, and knowing he was seen, he said:
"Do not kill me, for I am the only one left."
His answer was the report of a rifle,
and feeling the ball enter his vitals, he
cried, "Oh, God, have mercy on me!" and
fell to the ground a corpse.

Philemon, the youngest of the two, hid
himself in one corner of the building; but
being soon found, was about to be dis-
patched, when a chief interposed, proba-
bly on account of his youth, and saved his
life.

While this work of death was going on
at the block-house, another scene was trans-
piring at the cabin.

In Choate's cabin they were just en-
gaged in eating supper, as a party of In-
dians entered. Thinking they were friend-
ly, a portion of the meal was offered to
them, whereupon they were seized and
bound. Upon being told that they would
not suffer if they kept still, but that instant
death would be their portion if they made
the least noise, they were conducted to-
wards the cabin occupied by the Bullards.
They, however, having heard no sound, seized
their rifles and went out and soon discov-
ered the attack by hearing the cries of
young Stacy, fled to the woods and made
their escape. Hastening to Marietta, the
dreadful news was told, and the next day
a company started for the bottom, among
whom was Waugh. Upon arriving there,
they found the cabins had been burnt down,
and the block-house set on fire, but the
logs being green, nothing but the roof and
floor had burned. Piled in the centre, lay
the unfortunate men who had fell easy vic-
tims to their own heedlessness. They were
so charred and disfigured by the fire that
only one or two were recognized. So,
digging a large grave in the centre of the
building, they were all consigned within it
when the party left with sad hearts for Ma-
rietta. All was silence and desolation,
where but a few hours before, was life and
animation, while the cold winds of winter
as they swept among the leafless trees,
howled a dismal dirge above their untime-
ly grave.

In the spring a few persons went up
there and built a cabin or two, but no per-
manent residence was established until five
years afterward.

All that a man has to do in these days
to pass for a genius, is to button his coat
behind, and wear his hat wrong side out.
If he can upset an apple-stand two or three
times, it will help the matter vastly.

A genuine Yankee thus advertises his
truant wife:

"On the 16th of August, on the night
of Monday, eloped from her husband the
wife of John Grady; his grief for her ab-
sence each day growing deeper, should
any one find her he begs them to keep
her."

"There was a little nigger in our city,"
says the Arkansas Intelligencer, "who had
such long legs that a wit observed that he
was ten years old before it was decided
which way the fellow would walk."

Divine light is not as the light of the
moon, to sleep by; but as the light of the
sun, to work by.